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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Complaint on Sunday
and Holiday Collections

Docket No. C2001-1

RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO POPKIN INTERROGATORY DBP/USPS-9
(June 28, 2001)

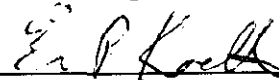
DBP/USPS-1 - 12 were filed on May 31, 2001. On June 12, the Postal Service filed objections to questions 1-12. On June 21, Mr. Popkin moved to compel responses to some the questions to which objections had been filed, including question 9. The Postal Service hereby responds to DBP/USPS-9. The interrogatory is stated verbatim, and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORIES OF DAVID B. POPKIN**

DBP/USPS-9. Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to do so, that elimination or reduction of retail window service on days shortly before or after a holiday as compared to a similar day of the week not related to the holiday period will reduce the ability of the mailing public to enter mail into the system during that period.

RESPONSE:

In isolation, the curtailment of retail window service would reduce the ability of the mailing public to enter some types of mail into the system (e.g., stamped mail over one pound in weight). For most types of mail deposited by the mailing public, a curtailment in retail window service would not necessarily affect their ability to enter letter and card mail into the system if collection operations were not curtailed. (Of course, some mailers still might require the purchase of stamps, and may or may not be able to have those needs met by vending machines or consignment sources such as grocery stores.)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice, I have this day served the foregoing document upon:

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